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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1(canceled).

Claim 2(currently amended). The hub post of claim [[1]] 4 wherein the base and post are molded in a unitary structure.

Claim 3(currently amended). The hub post of claim [[1]] 4 wherein the material is substantially solid throughout the base and post.

Claim 4(currently amended). A hub post for mounting an information-bearing disk to a substrate for presentation, storage or transportation of the disk, the disk including a mounting hole, and the hub post and the mounting hole having relative dimensions enabling gripping of the disk upon reception of the hub post within the mounting hole of the disk to secure the disk to the hub post

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and allow selective release of the disk from the hub post, the hub post comprising:

a base having a basal surface extending in a lateral direction for juxtaposition with the substrate, the base having a longitudinal extent;

a layer of adhesive on the basal surface for affixing the basal surface to the substrate; and

a post projecting from the base in a generally longitudinal direction, the post including a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface having lateral dimensions relative to counterpart lateral dimensions of the mounting hole of the disk for enabling selective gripping of the disk upon insertion of the post into the mounting hole, and for selective release of the post from the mounting hole;

the base and the post being integral and at least the post being substantially solid and constructed of a stiffly resilient synthetic polymeric material having a durometer providing a balance of resilient characteristics and renitent characteristics for establishing the aforesaid selective gripping and selective release and for resisting deleterious compression and crushing while retaining the disk upon the post, ~~The hub post of claim 1 wherein~~ the material [[is]] being a urethane.

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Claim 5(currently amended). A hub post for mounting an information-bearing disk to a substrate for presentation, storage or transportation of the disk, the disk including a mounting hole, and the hub post and the mounting hole having relative dimensions enabling gripping of the disk upon reception of the hub post within the mounting hole of the disk to secure the disk to the hub post and allow selective release of the disk from the hub post, the hub post comprising:

a base having a basal surface extending in a lateral direction for juxtaposition with the substrate, the base having a longitudinal extent;

a layer of adhesive on the basal surface for affixing the basal surface to the substrate; and

a post projecting from the base in a generally longitudinal direction, the post including a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface having lateral dimensions relative to counterpart lateral dimensions of the mounting hole of the disk for enabling selective gripping of the disk upon insertion of the post into the mounting hole, and for selective release of the post from the mounting hole;

the base and the post being integral and at least the post being substantially solid and constructed of a stiffly resilient

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synthetic polymeric material having a durometer providing a balance of resilient characteristics and renitent characteristics for establishing the aforesaid selective gripping and selective release and for resisting deleterious compression and crushing while retaining the disk upon the post, ~~The hub post of claim 1 wherein~~ the material [[has]] having a durometer of about 55 to 65 Shore A.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The hub post of claim [[1]] 4 wherein the material is substantially transparent for enabling viewing of the substrate through the base.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The hub post of claim [[1]] 4 wherein the longitudinal extent of the base spaces the gripping surface from the basal surface for spacing the disk from the substrate when the basal surface is adhered to the substrate and the post is received within the mounting hole of the disk.

Claim 8 (original). The hub post of claim 7 wherein the post includes a lateral cross-sectional area, and the base comprises a flange projecting laterally beyond the gripping surface of the post such that the basal surface extends along an area greater than the lateral cross-sectional area of the post.

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Claim 9(original). The hub post of claim 8 wherein the flange includes a laterally extending surface spaced longitudinally from the basal surface by the longitudinal extent of the base such that upon seating of the disk on the post, the disk confronts the laterally extending surface of the flange, with the disk spaced longitudinally from the substrate by the longitudinal extent of the base.

Claim 10(original). The hub post of claim 9 wherein the flange includes a central longitudinal axis for extending substantially normal to the substrate upon juxtaposition of the basal surface with the substrate, and the post extends along the longitudinal axis.

Claim 11(currently amended). A hub post for mounting an information-bearing disk to a substrate for presentation, storage or transportation of the disk, the disk including a mounting hole, and the hub post and the mounting hole having relative dimensions enabling gripping of the disk upon reception of the hub post within the mounting hole of the disk to secure the disk to the hub post

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and allow selective release of the disk from the hub post, the hub post comprising:

a base having a basal surface extending in a lateral direction for juxtaposition with the substrate, the base having a longitudinal extent, the longitudinal extent of the base spacing the gripping surface from the basal surface for spacing the disk from the substrate when the basal surface is adhered to the substrate and the post is received within the mounting hole of the disk;

a layer of adhesive on the basal surface for affixing the basal surface to the substrate; and

a post projecting from the base in a generally longitudinal direction, the post including a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface having lateral dimensions relative to counterpart lateral dimensions of the mounting hole of the disk for enabling selective gripping of the disk upon insertion of the post into the mounting hole, and for selective release of the post from the mounting hole, the post including a lateral cross-sectional area, and the base comprising a flange projecting laterally beyond the gripping surface of the post such that the basal surface extends along an area greater than the lateral cross-sectional area of the post, the flange including a laterally extending surface spaced

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longitudinally from the basal surface by the longitudinal extent of the base such that upon seating of the disk on the post, the disk confronts the laterally extending surface of the flange, with the disk spaced longitudinally from the substrate by the longitudinal extend of the base;

the base and the post being integral and at least the post being substantially solid and constructed of a stiffly resilient synthetic polymeric material having a durometer providing a balance of resilient characteristics and renitent characteristics for establishing the aforesaid selective gripping and selective release and for resisting deleterious compression and crushing while retaining the disk upon the post, ~~The hub post of claim 9 wherein~~ the flange ~~includes~~ including a central longitudinal axis for extending substantially normal to the substrate upon juxtaposition of the basal surface with the substrate, and the post [[is]] being canted at a small angle to the central longitudinal axis.

Claim 12(original). The hub post of claim 11 wherein the small angle is up to about 5°.

Claim 13(original). The hub post of claim 9 wherein the base and post are molded in a unitary structure.

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Claim 14(original). The hub post of claim 9 wherein the material is substantially solid throughout the base and post.

Claim 15(canceled).

claim 16(currently amended). A hub post for mounting an information-bearing disk to a substrate for presentation, storage or transportation of the disk, the disk including a mounting hole, and the hub post and the mounting hole having relative dimensions enabling gripping of the disk upon reception of the hub post within the mounting hole of the disk to secure the disk to the hub post and allow selective release of the disk from the hub post, the hub post comprising:

a base having a basal surface extending in a lateral direction for juxtaposition with the substrate, the base having a longitudinal extent, the longitudinal extent of the base spacing the gripping surface from the basal surface for spacing the disk from the substrate when the basal surface is adhered to the substrate and the post is received within the mounting hole of the disk;

a layer of adhesive on the basal surface for affixing the basal surface to the substrate; and

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a post projecting from the base in a generally longitudinal direction, the post including a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface having lateral dimensions relative to counterpart lateral dimensions of the mounting hole of the disk for enabling selective gripping of the disk upon insertion of the post into the mounting hole, and for selective release of the post from the mounting hole, the post including a lateral cross-sectional area, and the base comprising a flange projecting laterally beyond the gripping surface of the post such that the basal surface extends along an area greater than the lateral cross-sectional area of the post, the flange including a laterally extending surface spaced longitudinally from the basal surface by the longitudinal extent of the base such that upon seating of the disk on the post, the disk confronts the laterally extending surface of the flange, with the disk spaced longitudinally from the substrate by the longitudinal extend of the base;

the base and the post being integral and at least the post being substantially solid and constructed of a stiffly resilient synthetic polymeric material having a durometer providing a balance of resilient characteristics and renitent characteristics for establishing the aforesaid selective gripping and selective release and for resisting deleterious compression and crushing while

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retaining the disk upon the post. ~~The hub post of claim 9 wherein~~ the material [[has]] having a durometer of about 55 to 65 Shore A.

Claim 17(original). The hub post of claim 9 wherein the material is substantially transparent for enabling viewing of the substrate through the base.

Claim 18(original). The hub post of claim 9 wherein the post is generally cylindrical.

Claim 19(currently amended). A hub post for mounting an information-bearing disk to a substrate for presentation, storage or transportation of the disk, the disk including a mounting hole, and the hub post and the mounting hole having relative dimensions enabling gripping of the disk upon reception of the hub post within the mounting hole of the disk to secure the disk to the hub post and allow selective release of the disk from the hub post, the hub post comprising:

a base having a basal surface extending in a lateral direction for juxtaposition with the substrate, the base having a longitudinal extent, the longitudinal extent of the base spacing the gripping surface from the basal surface for spacing the disk from the

substrate when the basal surface is adhered to the substrate and the post is received within the mounting hole of the disk;

a layer of adhesive on the basal surface for affixing the basal surface to the substrate; and

a post projecting from the base in a generally longitudinal direction, the post including a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface having lateral dimensions relative to counterpart lateral dimensions of the mounting hole of the disk for enabling selective gripping of the disk upon insertion of the post into the mounting hole, and for selective release of the post from the mounting hole, the post including a lateral cross-sectional area, and the base comprising a flange projecting laterally beyond the gripping surface of the post such that the basal surface extends along an area greater than the lateral cross-sectional area of the post, the flange including a laterally extending surface spaced longitudinally from the basal surface by the longitudinal extent of the base such that upon seating of the disk on the post, the disk confronts the laterally extending surface of the flange, with the disk spaced longitudinally from the substrate by the longitudinal extend of the base;

the base and the post being integral and at least the post being substantially solid and constructed of a stiffly resilient

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synthetic polymeric material having a durometer providing a balance of resilient characteristics and renitent characteristics for establishing the aforesaid selective gripping and selective release and for resisting deleterious compression and crushing while retaining the disk upon the post, ~~The hub post of claim 9 wherein~~ the post [[is]] being polyhedral.

Claim 20(currently amended). The hub post of claim [[1]] 4 wherein the post is generally cylindrical.

Claim 21(currently amended). A hub post for mounting an information-bearing disk to a substrate for presentation, storage or transportation of the disk, the disk including a mounting hole, and the hub post and the mounting hole having relative dimensions enabling gripping of the disk upon reception of the hub post within the mounting hole of the disk to secure the disk to the hub post and allow selective release of the disk from the hub post, the hub post comprising:

a base having a basal surface extending in a lateral direction for juxtaposition with the substrate, the base having a longitudinal extent;

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a layer of adhesive on the basal surface for affixing the basal surface to the substrate; and

a post projecting from the base in a generally longitudinal direction, the post including a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface having lateral dimensions relative to counterpart lateral dimensions of the mounting hole of the disk for enabling selective gripping of the disk upon insertion of the post into the mounting hole, and for selective release of the post from the mounting hole;

the base and the post being integral and at least the post being substantially solid and constructed of a stiffly resilient synthetic polymeric material having a durometer providing a balance of resilient characteristics and renitent characteristics for establishing the aforesaid selective gripping and selective release and for resisting deleterious compression and crushing while retaining the disk upon the post, ~~The hub post of claim 1 wherein~~ the post [[is]] being polyhedral.

Claim 22(new). The hub post of claim 9 wherein the material has a durometer of about 55 to 65 Shore A.

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Claim 23(new). The hub post of claim 4 wherein the post is polyhedral.

Claim 24(new). The hub post of claim 4 wherein the material has a durometer of about 55 to 65 Shore A.